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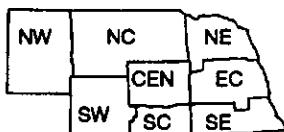
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WEATHER

Only light amounts of precipitation occurred throughout the week with amounts averaging less than a tenth of inch except in the Panhandle where amounts were up to three-tenths of an inch. Temperatures averaged three to five degrees below normals.

GENERAL

Continued dry weather conditions, which have benefitted cow/calf producers, have brought some concerns to crop producers about seed germination, wind erosion, and wheat growth, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Producer activities included applying fertilizer, working ground for spring planting, and waiting for the soil temperature to rise sufficiently for planting corn.

CROPS

Winter wheat condition was rated at 43% fair, 53% good, and 4% excellent, a slight improvement from last week. Wheat has begun to green up but most areas would benefit from a general rain. The dry, windy conditions have

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caused "blow outs" in some fields and have stressed plants in others.

Oat planting made good progress last week with 71% sown to date. This compares with 2% last year and 50% for the five-year average. Germination concerns remain due to the lack of topsoil moisture.

Corn planting has not yet begun on a large scale. A few fields have been planted in the southeast and east central. Most producers are ready to plant but are waiting for a warmer soil temperature.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range condition was rated at 96% of normal and compares with 97% of normal last year. Calving activities continued to move along well with minimal problems. Spring calving progress was rated at 79% complete. Supplemental feeding continued for cattle on stalk fields and in winter quarters. Spring pastures have been showing slow growth due mainly to the lack of moisture and cooler temperatures.

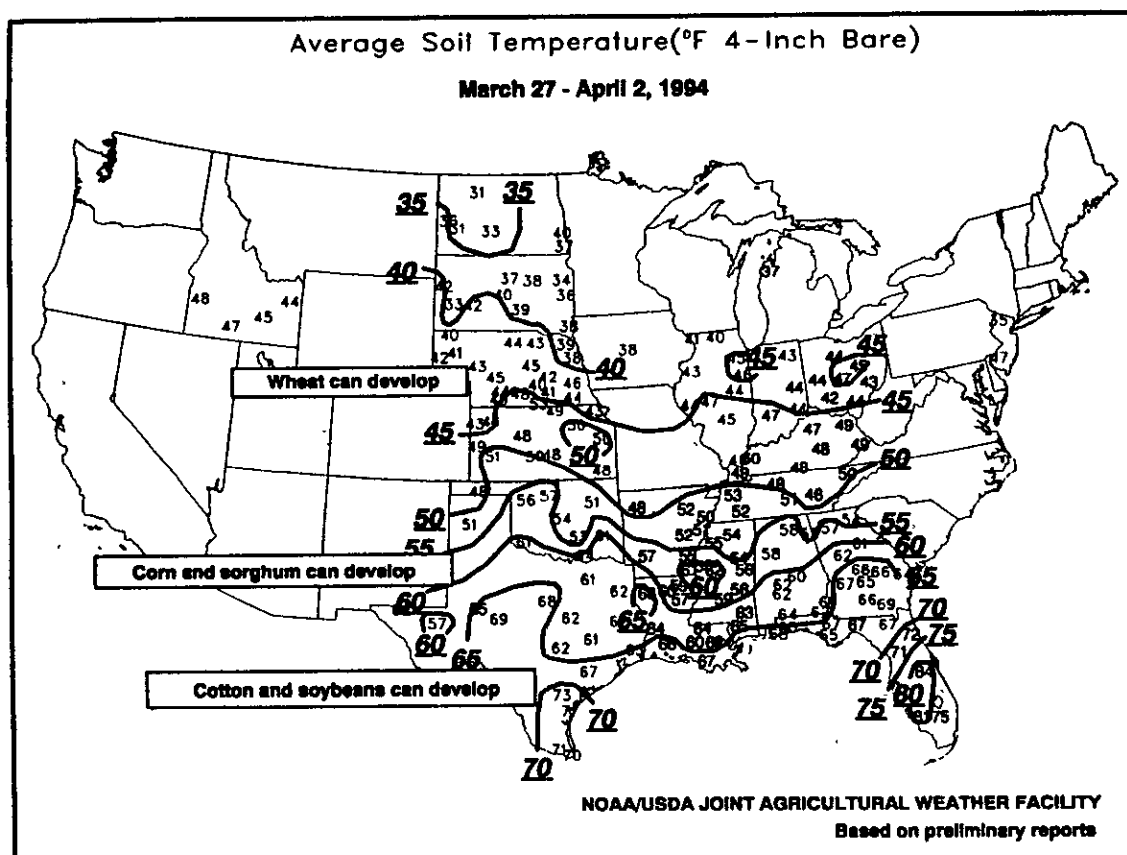
FIELD WORK PROGRESS AS OF APRIL 10, 1994	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
% oats sown	21	70	73	27	79	72	100	99	71	45	2	50
DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF APRIL 8, 1994												
Days suitable	5.6	5.5	5.9	6.0	7.0	6.5	7.0	7.0	6.4	6.0	0.7	
Topsoil moisture - Short	73	67	44	83	80	100	93	75	72	39	0	
(Percent) - Adequate	27	33	56	17	20	0	7	25	28	61	34	
- Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	66	
Subsoil moisture - Short	0	7	4	0	0	13	0	0	3	0	0	
(Percent) - Adequate	100	93	96	100	90	87	100	100	95	97	71	
- Surplus	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	2	3	29	

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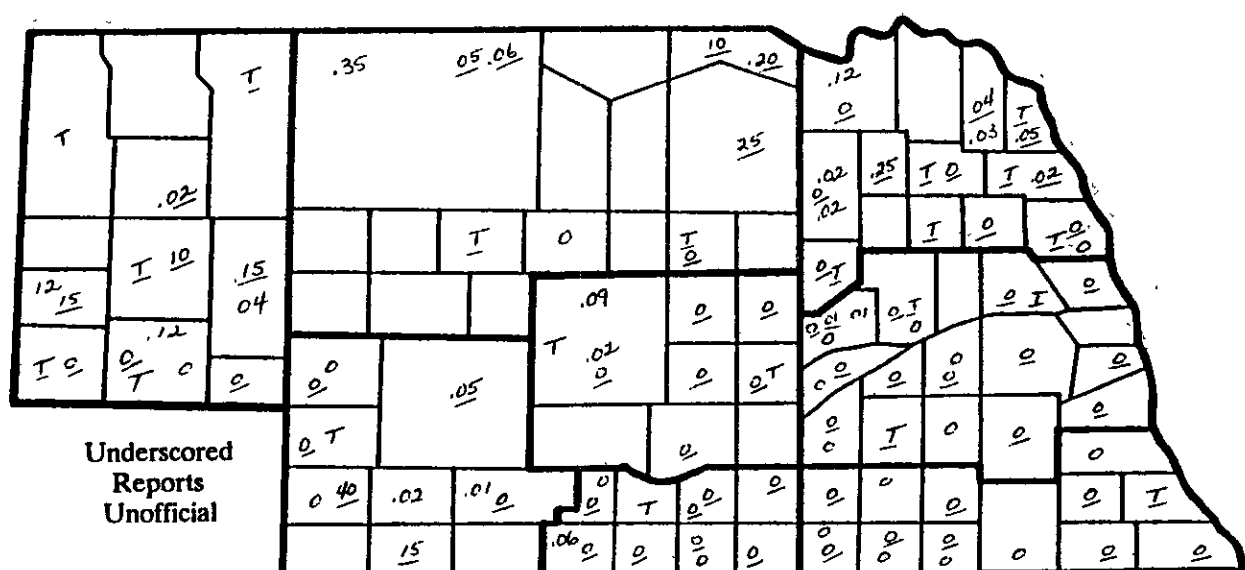
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 1994



PRECIPITATION, APRIL 1 - APRIL 8, 1994

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week .....	.05	.14	.04	.03	.01	.01	.02	.00
Total since April 1 .....	.05	.14	.04	.03	.01	.01	.02	.00
Normal since April 1 .....	.40	.56	.64	.63	.72	.45	.56	.72

TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 1994

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Station		Temperature				Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	69	16	39	---	.34
	Scottsbluff	64	23	40	-4	.35
	Sidney	65	16	39	---	.11
NC	Valentine	63	16	40	-3	.06
NE	Norfolk	69	13	42	-4	.03
	Sioux City	67	16	43	-4	.06
CEN	Grand Island	67	10	42	-5	T
	Ord	66	7	41	---	0
EC	Lincoln	74	12	44	-4	T
	Omaha	71	20	46	-3	T
SW	Imperial	70	15	43	---	.02
	North Platte	65	14	41	-4	T

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.